



Upcoming Events

Market Monday

Date: Monday 16 September

Time: 3:00pm

Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Year 3 Sleepover

Date: Thursday 19
September - Friday 20
September

Time: 5:00pm

Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Catholic Schools Music Festival

Date: Wednesday 25
September

Venue: Adelaide Festival
Centre - Adelaide SA

Sports Day!

Date: Friday 27 September

Time: 8:30am - 1:00pm

Venue: Orphanage Park -
Millswood

Year 6 Canberra Trip

Date: Monday 14 October -
Thursday 17 October

Venue: Canberra -

Italian Day

Date: Friday 25 October

Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Children's University

Date: Thursday 31 October

Venue: Bonython Hall -

Christmas Concert

Date: Wednesday 27
November

Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Student Free Day

Date: Monday 28 April -
Sunday 28 April

Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

From the Principal



With the beginning of this new term we have already enjoyed a number of wonderful community events. It was fabulous for us all to come together during the first week for an Easter Mass celebration and then last week we enjoyed a whole school assembly led by Year 1 classes with a special focus on Mother's day. It was lovely to see so many Mums join us on Friday for morning tea and I hope that you all were treated to a special day on Mother's Day. Our children certainly enjoyed shopping at the Mother's Day stall and we extend our gratitude to the P&F who coordinated and supported this valuable experience for our community. Last week also saw our Year 5 students attend an excursion to Mercedes college following an invitation to join their whole school community for a Mass celebrating their Mercy tradition. Following Mass, our students joined together with their Year 5 classes for a small craft activity before returning back to school. What a wonderful experience for our Year 5's to visit one of our neighbouring Catholic Schools and share some strength of spirit in Mercy tradition with them.

Last week we also celebrated with the joyous news of the election of Pope Leo XIV.

We remember his Holiness Pope Leo XIV in our prayers as he begins this new ministry of communion, with a special intention to bring peace and unity to our world as leader of the Universal Church. Catholic Education Week begins this week with a theme of 'Shine With Open Hearts' where all Catholic schools this week will be highlighting in a variety of ways how we 'shine brilliantly'. At St Thomas we are inviting all our family members to join us for morning prayer in classrooms this Friday. So please come along if you can, begin your day with coffee in the Workshop, followed by prayer in your child's classroom at 9am.

Following on from our very successful Gala in March, we gathered our Gala Committee and Stall Holders late last term for a 'Thank You' event. We were delighted to share with them the wonderful news that our Gala brought in just over \$31,000! Of course, we have expenses to take into account, but with these funds we will be able to purchase new replacement Ipads for our Junior Primary classrooms. These will be very well received by both students and teachers.

Last week we welcomed two new staff members to our team: Ms Loretta Gagliardi, our new Marketing and Communications Coordinator, replacing Mrs Liz Wright who finished at the end of last term. We also welcomed Mrs Marie Smith, our new Canteen Coordinator. Marie has been working tirelessly to get our new canteen up and running, with many of our students already sampling the delicious pasta lunch last week. We will be very excited to launch the new canteen this week, with a start-up menu while we are in the midst of our community consultation process. It has had a sparkling new renovation and is looking very fresh!

We wish our Year 5 Classes a very successful Camp at Mylor over the next two days. I am sure they will have a fantastic time, experience some new activities and hopefully learn more about themselves and each other in doing so.

For the last part of this term I will be on Leave, with Paul Mensforth filling the Acting Principal role, and Mrs Melissa Canil as Acting Deputy Principal. I congratulate them both and wish them well for this time. During my time away I feel very fortunate to be travelling to Europe to visit family, then participating in an educational tour and spiritual pilgrimage coordinated by Catholic Education South Australia. I look forward to attending a Leadership Conference in London on Catholic Identity and Mission, visiting some London schools and visiting some Religious Congregations in Ireland. A visit to Catherine House and the Mercy Congregation in Dublin is sure to be a highlight! I look forward to sharing more with you upon my return.

Wishing you all a great term ahead!

Belinda Burford

Principal

From the Acting Principal



SO MANY THINGS TO CELEBRATE!

It has been a great term, with many great learning opportunities and experiences. It has been wonderful to welcome back Melissa Canil to our St Thomas Team, in her role as Acting Deputy. With her great compassion, care and dedication, Melissa has already rebuilt many

connections with our learners and families!

There are truly so many things to celebrate at St Thomas!

We can celebrate the wonderful excursion and learning experiences which have taken place this term. Including our Year 2 classes visiting the Unley Museum; our Year 6 students participating in the Unley Council Anzac Day and Reconciliation Week Ceremonies and visiting Cabra to see their 2025 musical; and of course our Eco-Warriors attending the recycling plant in order to develop ways of enhancing our waste management practices. There are a few more excursions planned in the coming weeks. Our great Assemblies, Community Prayers and whole school Masses have been wonderful moments of community celebration.

We can celebrate our great staff, their work and our shared professional learning journey. Our teachers are in the midst of compiling our Semester One Reports. This is certainly a labour of love and a process which takes many hours of dedication and care. The creation of the semester's report is an opportunity for teachers to delve deeply into the journey of each learner, celebrate their successes and consider the next steps for growth. Our ESO and Admin staff have also continued in their dedicated work in supporting students and families. Every day we witness these skilled and generous members of our community make such a difference.

Our staff have continued in a number of learning journeys as part of our shared professional learning this term. We have continued developing our understanding of the SEARCH Framework, as part of our Visible Wellbeing Project. In fact, as part of our upcoming Student-Free Day, next Tuesday 10th June, we will be attending a Visible Wellbeing Expo at Stella Maris Catholic School. All schools who are part of this project will be sharing their learning and the unique expression of the SEARCH Framework alive in their school. Our staff have also been continuing their professional learning in the Writing Revolution, High Impact Teaching Strategies, PBIS and Numeracy Progressions.

We can celebrate the contribution of staff who are leaving us and staff who are joining our team. We have farewelled Sophie McLeod, who contributed greatly to our Year 3/4 teaching team since the beginning of the year. We hope to help Sophie welcome the new baby McLeod into the world when the day arrives! Rita Giannakakis and Chloe Harford have created a smooth transition for the Year 3/4 class; and we welcome them both back to our team. Marie Smith, our new Canteen Coordinator, has achieved amazing success in kick starting our new menu and supporting students and families. Marie's warmth and dedication have been an absolute blessing in our school community. Our new Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Loretta Gagliardi, has been working hard on the revision of our strategy and our St Thomas profile. Over the coming weeks, we will farewell Sharon Rigoni, our Enrolments Officer. Sharon has been a dedicated member of staff since 2022, supporting and welcoming new families to St Thomas. We thank Sharon for her great work and wish her all the best. To continue this great work, we welcome Leanne Hickman to the St Thomas Admin Team. Leanne brings a wealth of knowledge of schools, administration and marketing. Please make her feel welcome.

We can also celebrate the anticipation of newly designed play spaces at St Thomas. The amazing minds of Grieve Gillet Architects and Wax Designs have worked in collaboration to revise the outdoor play space design in our Master Plan. The new design includes an undercover court (to be built along the western fence line), new entrances to Angus and Rushton Streets, diverse natural play spaces and an expanded playground featuring a basket swing and monkey bars. We are seeking feedback from families over the next week to support the refinement of this design, with a scheduled start date, we hope, by the end of this year!

As we conclude the Easter Season, with the celebration of Pentecost this coming Sunday, we can truly celebrate the Holy Spirit's work in and through our school community. The Holy Spirit breathes life into all things and is our gentle helper and guide.

There are truly so many things to celebrate at St Thomas!

Go gently,

Paul Mensforth

Deputy Principal

From the REC



Dear Students and Families,

On behalf of Caritas Australia, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students who participated in our Project Compassion

initiative—whether by returning their donation boxes, submitting Water Challenge slips, or making contributions through the QR code.

Your generosity and compassion have made a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most, and we are truly grateful for your support.

If you still have charity money at home, you are welcome to return it at any time during Term Two. Every contribution—no matter how big or small—helps us continue our vital work in supporting vulnerable communities around the world.

Thank you once again for your kindness and commitment to creating positive change.

As many of you know, I will be taking long service leave in Term Two to visit my, and my wife's remaining family in Hungary.

I deeply appreciate all the support and contributions you've offered throughout the term—through liturgies, Masses, fundraising events, the Sacrament Program, and especially the Holy Week liturgies.

I look forward to reconnecting with you all in Term Three.

Warm regards,

Sebestyen Maglai

REC



DUCK & TURTLE FITNESS

ST THOMAS SCHOOL,
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**WEDNESDAY 9th,
THURSDAY 10th &
WEDNESDAY 16th JULY**
8:30am - 4pm

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Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th & Wednesday 16th July 2025

8.30am - 4pm at St Thomas School Goodwood

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FEE INFORMATION

Finance

Term 2 School Fees were due 31st May.

Prompt payment is appreciated.

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Tournament of Minds



Hi from the TOM team in Sydney, we are currently in the opening ceremony day for the international finals!

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Our Yr 4, 5 & 6 cricketers had an interrupted but fun cricket season. Thanks to Matt Gale, Kyle Kucharski and Claudia Pace for coaching and organising the team each week. Our cricketers displayed great sportsmanship and cricket skills for every game they managed to play!

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Visible Wellbeing

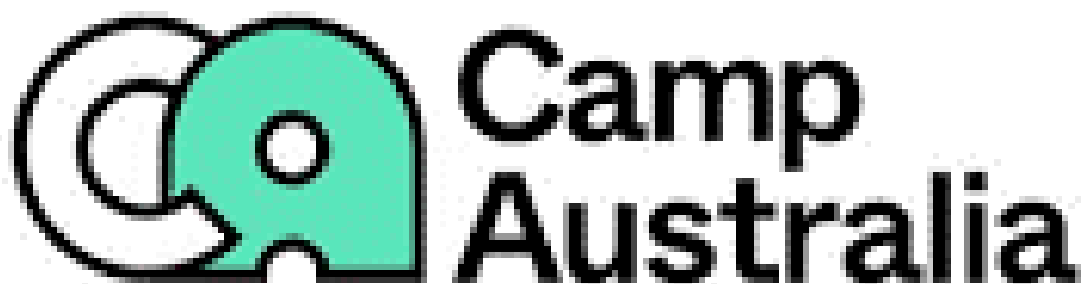


In our commitment to improving staff and student wellbeing across the school, this year our staff began the journey of Visible Wellbeing training. The Visible Wellbeing approach aims to provide both students and staff with a psychological toolkit that allows them to lead flourishing lives where they are able to feel and function at their best. We discussed the current state of mental health and stress for young people, and learned about using the illbeing-wellbeing spectrum to self-inquire about our current state of mental health, and

explored ways that other schools support their communities to boost their wellbeing. As the year has progressed, we have engaged with specific training around a strengths approach, emotional regulation and attention/awareness. Our staff have engaged enthusiastically with the learning and the positive impact of its implementation is evident right across the school. We look forward to sharing more of this journey with you, as we continue our learning and engagement with Visible Wellbeing.

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Quiz night

Our Red Carpet Quiz Night was a great success! Huge thanks to P & F organisers Rosie King and Lauren Waters for their efforts. A great profit of \$6,186.50 was raised. What an amazing effort! These funds, together with Gala funds, will go towards a refurbishment of Preschool furniture and equipment for the children. Stay tuned for the new look Preschool!